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His Specialty.—A Commonwealth's Attorney of one of our cities recently received the following letter:

"Dr. _____
 Physician and Surgeon
 Middletown, Md.
 Office Hours: 7 to 9 A. M.
 1 to 3 P. M.
 7 to 9 P. M.
 Diseases of Women and Children.

Hon. John J. Tilton,
 Norfolk, Va.

Jan. 3rd, 1907.

My Dear Sir:

Having just learned that you are the Commonwealth's Attorney for the County in which Norfolk is situated, I thought best to make inquiry of you as to the responsibility of the _____ Company, and if they have a good and legal title to the lots and property they are offering for sale in our town, because there are now so many sharks going over the country offering for sale something they don't have.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may see fit to impart I beg to remain,
 Dict. Alger." Very truly yours,

The Commonwealth's Attorney replied thereto as follows:

My Dear Sir:

If you wish titles searched here I will have to have something more substantial than "thanks in advance." It is true I am the prosecuting attorney for this city, but I am not a Bureau of Information and free at that. You must be a nerve specialist.

Very respectfully, &c.,

John G. Tilton.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Encyclopedic Digest of Virginia and West Virginia Reports,
 Volume 7, the Michie Company, Charlottesville, Va., 1907.

The promise of the publishers to push this work to completion during the Spring of this year gives a forecast of fulfillment in the 7th Volume, just published; but the rapidity of the issue has in no way interfered with the care of preparation and the excellency of the work. The present volume includes from "Habeas Corpus" to "Intestate." Amongst the more important subjects digested in addition to those named are "Handwriting," "Husband and Wife," "Homicide," "Hearsay Evidence," "Homestead Exemption," "Illegal Contracts," "Implied Contracts," "Indictments, etc.," "Injunctions," "Instructions," "Insurance," "Interest," "Internal Improvement Companies," and "Interstate Commerce." One can well see, therefore, that the volume, like those which preceded it, places within the hands of the lawyer a digest of Virginia and West Virginia cases on questions of law with which he comes in daily contact. It is very hard to say of what value this digest is to the profession without using possibly extravagant terms, but the writer has had occasion within the last month or so to compare it with works of a similar character and from his own experience can say that he has never used a digest or seen one which would compare with this for convenience of arrangement, for admirable cross reference, for completeness, and for arrangement which renders the finding of the law on any given subject digested, easy and expeditious.

R. T. W. D., Jr.